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CHAMBERSBURG MSA APRIL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 3.1%

HARRISBURG (MAY 27) – The not-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was at 3.1 percent in April 2025. Pennsylvania’s rate was at 3.5 percent and the national rate was at 3.9 percent.

Note: Annual revisions to the historical (pre-2025) not-seasonally adjusted labor force series are now complete and are reflected in this news release. However, due to methodological changes and conversions to the 2020 Census-based Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delineations, seasonally adjusted substate area data will not be available until summer 2025. For more information on the benchmarking process and revisions to historical data, please contact the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis at 1-877-4WF-DATA or visit <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dli/resources/statistic-materials.html>. For more information about the seasonal adjustment delay, please visit <https://www.bls.gov/law/metrossa.htm>.

Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Chambersburg MSA were down 200 over the month to 63,400 in April. Over the year, jobs were up by 1,800 (+2.9%) in the MSA, while jobs statewide grew 1.6 percent from last April.

April Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail

All seven of the published supersectors were essentially unchanged over the month. Over the year, the largest movements were a gain of 600 jobs in professional and business services, and 500 in trade, transportation, and utilities. Leisure and hospitality was down 300 jobs and manufacturing was lower by 200 since April 2024.

TABLE 1
CHAMBERSBURG METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
(Franklin County)

TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE¹

TIME PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT ²	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) ³	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ⁴			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT ²	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) ³
April 2025	77,200	74,800	2,400	3.1				
March	77,100	74,400	2,700	3.4				
February	76,500	73,700	2,800	3.7				
April 2024	76,500	74,600	1,900	2.5				

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
April 2025

AREA NAME	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT ²	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) ³	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ⁴			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT ²	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) ³
Allentown-Beth.-East. PA-NJ MSA	450,600	433,500	17,100	3.8				
Altoona MSA	57,200	55,300	1,900	3.3				
Chambersburg MSA	77,200	74,800	2,400	3.1				
Erie MSA	125,700	121,000	4,700	3.7				
Gettysburg MSA	51,200	49,700	1,500	3.0				
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	312,100	302,300	9,800	3.1				
Johnstown MSA	56,000	53,800	2,200	3.9				
Lancaster MSA	289,200	281,300	7,900	2.7				
Lebanon MSA	73,200	70,900	2,300	3.1				
Philadelphia MSA	3,295,200	3,170,200	125,000	3.8				
Pittsburgh MSA	1,230,700	1,187,900	42,800	3.5				
Reading MSA	218,000	210,200	7,800	3.6				
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre MSA	277,900	266,400	11,500	4.1				
State College MSA	77,200	75,300	1,900	2.5				
Williamsport MSA	52,700	50,700	2,000	3.8				
York-Hanover MSA	237,100	229,000	8,100	3.4				
PENNSYLVANIA	6,536,000	6,306,000	230,000	3.5	6,548,000	6,293,000	256,000	3.9
UNITED STATES	170,622,000	164,043,000	6,580,000	3.9	171,109,000	163,944,000	7,165,000	4.2

ALL DATA ARE ON 2024 BENCHMARK

SOURCE: Center for Workforce Information & Analysis (CWIA), Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry.

FOOTNOTES

1) Estimate of workers by place of residence. These data are controlled to state Current Population Survey (CPS) data which adjusts for commuting and dual job-holding. Workers are counted where they live only once regardless of the number of jobs they may hold. All in-depth inquiries relative to the estimating methodology should be addressed to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. All data are subject to revision during annual benchmarking.

2) Includes wage and salary workers (including agriculture), self-employed persons, and unpaid family workers (including agriculture), domestic workers, and persons involved in labor-management disputes.

3) Unemployed as percent of civilian labor force, computed using unrounded data.

4) Due to methodological changes and conversions to the 2020 Census-based area delineations, seasonally adjusted substate area LAUS data is not available until further notice.

TABLE 2

CHAMBERSBURG METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Franklin County)

April 2025**NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Apr 2025	Mar 2025	Feb 2025	Apr 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2024
TOTAL NONFARM	63,300	63,100	62,700	61,500	200	1,800
TOTAL PRIVATE	55,600	55,300	54,900	53,800	300	1,800
GOODS-PRODUCING	11,400	11,400	11,300	11,500	0	-100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,800	2,800	2,700	2,700	0	100
Manufacturing	8,600	8,600	8,600	8,800	0	-200
SERVICE-PROVIDING	51,900	51,700	51,400	50,000	200	1,900
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	44,200	43,900	43,600	42,300	300	1,900
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	17,600	17,500	17,600	17,100	100	500
Wholesale Trade	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	100
Retail Trade	7,400	7,300	7,300	7,400	100	0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	8,700	8,700	8,800	8,300	0	400
Professional and Business Services	6,200	6,100	6,100	5,600	100	600
Education and Health Services	10,000	10,000	9,900	9,800	0	200
Leisure and Hospitality	4,700	4,800	4,800	5,000	-100	-300
Government	7,700	7,800	7,800	7,700	-100	0
Federal Government	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,200	-100	-100
State Government	900	900	900	900	0	0
Local Government	4,700	4,700	4,700	4,600	0	100
Data benchmarked to March 2024	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

TABLE 2A

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM JOBS FOR PENNSYLVANIA and SELECT MSAs & AREAS

April 2025

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Apr 2025	Mar 2025	Feb 2025	Apr 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2024
PENNSYLVANIA	6,223,800	6,215,300	6,196,800	6,128,100	8,500	95,700
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	401,900	400,700	400,000	393,600	1,200	8,300
Altoona MSA	62,200	62,100	61,800	60,900	100	1,300
Chambersburg MSA	63,400	63,600	63,300	61,600	-200	1,800
Erie MSA	127,000	126,400	126,300	125,800	600	1,200
Gettysburg MSA	33,600	33,500	33,600	33,400	100	200
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	370,000	369,900	367,700	361,700	100	8,300
Johnstown MSA	51,300	51,400	51,200	51,300	-100	0
Lancaster MSA	268,200	267,700	267,200	265,600	500	2,600
Lebanon MSA	57,400	57,500	57,400	56,500	-100	900
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	3,142,300	3,136,000	3,132,000	3,100,500	6,300	41,800
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,140,700	1,138,800	1,137,100	1,128,200	1,900	12,500
Philadelphia Metro Division	1,028,500	1,026,300	1,023,600	1,011,900	2,200	16,600
Pittsburgh MSA	1,214,600	1,213,400	1,212,600	1,200,900	1,200	13,700
Reading MSA	184,700	184,400	183,900	181,800	300	2,900
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre MSA	270,400	270,100	269,800	267,000	300	3,400
State College MSA	79,700	79,700	79,600	79,200	0	500
Williamsport MSA	53,000	53,100	53,000	52,400	-100	600
York-Hanover MSA	194,200	193,900	193,700	193,300	300	900
Data benchmarked to March 2024	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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